availability and prices of indigenous and imported coal and ratio of their use in the blend, market demand conditions, etc. However, SAIL has no plan to increase imports of coking coal during the current year.

Non implementation of Old Age and Widow Pension Schemes in Assam

2433. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether in spite of a statement during the last session of Parliament that old age and widow pension shall be continued at the national level, these schemes are not being implemented in Assam much to the dismay and sorrow of the downtrodden people;

(b) if so, the steps Government are taking to keep these schemes on going; and

(c) by when the people of Assam in general, and those of Barak Valley districts in particular, expect to get the benefits of these schemes?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA): (a) The National Old Age Pension Scheme (NOAPS) under the National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP) is under implementation throughout the country including Assam w.e.f. 15th August, 1995. Accordingly all the three components of the NSAP namely—The National Old Age Pension Scheme, The National Family Benefit Scheme and the National Maternity Benefit Scheme are in operation in Assam.

During the initial year of implementation (1995-96) an amount of Rs. 195.83 lakhs was released to the State of Assam out of which the concerned District Level authorities have already spent Rs. 99.73 lakhs as per report received as on date.

(b) Since the Scheme (NOAPS) for providing old age benefit to the eligible beneficiaries (poor & destitute) is already in operation, no new steps is necessary.

(c) The eligible people of Assam in general and those of the Barak Valley districts in particular, are already deriving benefit out of the existing old age pension scheme namely, National Old Age Pension Scheme. During 1995-96, a sum of Rs. 24.75 lakhs was released for the NOAPS to these three districts of Barak Valley. The Districts have since reported utilisation of Rs. 21.26 lakhs till date.

NGOs engaged in Promoting Consumer Awareness

2434. SHRI K. RAHAMN KHAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether NGOs are encouraged in promoting consumer awareness and if so, the names of NGOs working in Karnataka;

(b) whether such NGOs are assisted by Government; if so, the nature of assistance and the grant given to each of the NGOs; and

(c) whether a National Institute to promote Consumer Awareness is established; if so, the details of the functions of the Institute;

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir. As per the Directory of voluntary consumer organisations compiled by the Ministry, 39 such organisations are functioning in the State of Karnataka. A statement indicating the names and address is given in the enclosed Statement. (*See* below)

(b) Yes, Sir. A statement indicating the details of grant in aid given to NGOs for consumer awareness under the Consumer Welfare Fund scheme is given.

(c) No, Sir.

Statement-I

Names and address of the NBOs working in Karnataka for promoting consumer awareness

1. Balakedarara Vedike,
   Jain Temple Road, Mudubidare,
   South Kanara, (Karnataka)
2. Balakedarara Vedike
   Puttue, South Kanara, (Karnataka)
3. Consumer's Forum
   Raina Building, Shirya-574116,
   (Karnataka)
4. Akhila Bharatia Grahak
   Panchayat No. 25
   9th Cross, Margosa Road,
   Malleswarm, Bangalore-560003,
   (Karnataka)
5. Consumer' Forum No. 1554,
   Dhogighat, Karwar, (Karnataka)
6. Grahak Mandal Asthana,
   Sirishi-581401, North Kanara
   (Karnataka)
7. Consumer's Forum
   Surathal, Manglore District.
   (Karnataka)
8. Citizen Forum
   Kotta Post, Udupi (Karnataka)
9. Citizen Forum
   No. 2, 'Nayan' Ashoknagar Road
   Hubli-580029 (Karnataka)
10. Consumers Forum
    C/o Dr. D.C. Devadar,
    S.D.F. College Ujjare Post,
    Beltangadi (Karnataka)
11. Consumer's Forum,
    Upendrabagh near Kallana,
    theatre,
    Udupi-576101 (Karnataka)
12. Citizen Forum.
    Near S.T.V. Temple,
    Basroof-576211 (Karnataka)
13. Jagrata Mandali No. 947,
    12th Cross, J.P. Nagar,
    Ist Phase, Bangalore-560078
    (Karnataka)
14. Citizen Forum. Hotel Dharwad,
    Dharwad (Karnataka)
15. Consumer Education Trust (R)
    Microwave Station Road,
    Manglore-575008. (Karnataka)
16. Grahak Jagrathi
    No 20, Market Road,
    Basavangudi,
    Bangalore-560004 (Karnataka)
17. Jagrathi Balakedara Vedike
    Sanjeevaiah Compound
    Varthur, Bangalore Distt.
    (Karnataka)
18. Balakedara Vedike
    Ananthasayana Road,
    Karkala (Karnataka)
19. Balakedara Balaga
    C/o Mahila Kendra, Suratkal
    (Karnataka)
20. Janajagarut Trust
    Suddi Bidugade,
    Suliya-574239 (D.K.) (Karnataka)
21. Consumer Forum
    C/o Gayathri Nurshing Home,
    Suilya (Karnataka)
22. Nagarika Samithi,
    Karkala, Udupi. (Karnataka)
23. Praja Jagruti Sangha
    Bellary (Karnataka)
24. Consumer Guidance
    Society of India,
    Dandeli Branch, U. Type,
    10156, Bangur Nagar
    Dandeli-581362 (Karnataka)
25. Citizen Forum
    Gampati Circle
    Bijapur-586101 (Karnataka)
26. Consumer Forum
    Sri Kundeshwar Road,
    Kundapur (Karnataka)
27. All India Grahkhak Panchayat,
    Mysore (Karnataka)
28. Grahak Vedike,
    E—1—1534, Shakti Pant's House,
    Venkteshnagar, Gulbarga.
    (Karnataka)

29. Grahaka Mandala Asthana
D.No. 7, '47 C, South Extn.,
Kollegal (Karnataka)

30. Mysor Consumer Awareness
Council 600tB, New Knatharaja
Urs Road, Kuvempunagar,
Mysore—570023 (Karnataka)

31. Praja Jagruthi Sangha,
Bellary. (Karnataka)

32. The Karnataka Consumer's Forum
"Sadhana" Temple Road,
Jayaiakshimpuram,
Mysore—570012
(Karnataka)

33. Consumers Council
Sirsi, (Karnataka)

34. Karnataka Consumer
Service Society,
32A, Benson Cross Road,
Benson Town, Bangalore-560046
(Karnataka)

35. Akhil Grahak Panchayat
Bangalore Rural District
107, II Kengari, Upanagar;
Bangalore 560060 (Karnataka)

36. Karnataka Forum For
Consumer Action
160, 36-A, Cross, 7th Block,
Jayanagar, Bangalore-82
(Karnataka)

37. Mysore Consumer Council
6/1, Vivekananda Road,
Yadvagiri, Mysore-570020
(Karnataka)

38. Grahak Mandala Asthana,
Sirsi-581401, North Kanara.
(Karnataka)

39. Citizens Welfare Association,
No. 955, 41 st. Cross,
Opp. B.S.I. Hospital
111 Block, Rajainagar,
Bangalore-560010 (Karnataka)

Statement-II

Details of grant in aid given to NBOs for consumer awareness under the Consumer Welfare Scheme.

Sl. No.	Name of the Organisation	Sanctioned Amt. in Rs.	Date of Sanction
1.	Indian Institute Consumer Studies 32/A, Benson Cross Road, Bangalore, (Karnataka)	400000.00	08.11.94
2.	Consumer Protection & Research Foundation, Absok Nagar Road, Hubli-580029, (Karnataka)	200000.00	25.07.95
3.	Mysore District Federation of Consumers Organisations, 11383, Narayan Sastry Road, Mysore-570001, (Karnataka)	51120.00	28.07.95
4.	Rural Community Science Centre Trust, Schedthikere P.O. Varadamoola, Sagar Shimoga, (Karnataka)	78300.00	26.07.95
5.	Balakendara Hita Rakshana Vedike (Consumer Forum Suratkal) Mitramandali, Suratkal. (Karnataka)	18000.00	.11.95

Sl. No.	Name of the Organisation	Sanctioned Amt. in Rs.	Date of Sanction
6.	Society for Health Education and Economic Development (SHEED) 133C, 10th Main Road, 17th Cross, Padaryanapura, (Karnataka)	31500.00	07.06.96
7.	Sree Rama Krishna Paramahansa Education Society, Bangerpalli Mandal, Kolar Distt., (Karnataka)	40500.00	30.09.96
8.	River Valley Organisation for Rural Development Sriranganatha Mandya District, (Karnataka)	77400.00	30.09.96
9.	Mahatma Phule Education Society, Kamal Nagar, Bidar, Karnataka	36900.00	29.10.96
	Total:	933720.00	

उपभोक्ता वस्तुओं पर राष्ट्रीय ध्वज का छापना

2435. **प्रो॰ विजय कुमार मल्होत्रा:** क्या **नागरिक आपूर्ति, उपभोक्ता मामले और सार्वजनिक वितरण** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या दिल्ली के एक न्यायालय ने बीड़ी के बंडल पर राष्ट्रीय ध्वज का चित्र छापने का एक मामला प्रधानमंत्री के पास भेजा है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है और इस मामले में क्या कार्यवाही की गई है; और

(ग) सरकार ने राष्ट्रीय ध्वज तथा देवी देवताओं के चित्र उपभोक्ता वस्तुओं पर छापने से रोकने के लिए क्या कदम उठाये हैं?

खाद्य मंत्री और नागरिक पूर्ति, उपभोक्ता मामले और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री (श्री देवेन्द्र प्रसाद यादव): (क) जी, नहीं।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

(ग) संप्रतीक तथा नाम (अनुचित प्रयोग निवारण) अधिनियम, 1950 की धारा 3 के तहत उपभोक्ता वस्तुओं पर राष्ट्रीय ध्वज के मुद्रण की मनाही है। अधिनियम के उपबन्ध को लागू करने के लिए, ऐसे अनुचित प्रयोग को रोकने हेतु कदम उठाने तथा यदि आवश्यक हो तो मुकदमा चलाने के लिए सरकार द्वारा कार्यवाही की जाती है। तथापि, अधिनियम के तहत उपभोक्ता वस्तुओं पर देवी-देवताओं की तस्वीर के प्रयोग की मनाही नहीं है।

Use of India as a conduit of Child Trafficking

2436. PROF. (SHRIMATI) BHARATI RAY: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that India holds a key position in the international child sex-market since one of the child trafficking routes passes from Bangladesh and Nepal to India, and a second route passes from India and Pakistan to West Asia; and

(b) if so, the steps Government are considering to prevent use of India as a conduit of child trafficking in Asia?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA): (a) and (b) the information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Fresh inclusions in ST List

2437. SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item captioned "Fresh inclusions in ST List" which appeared in "The Hindustan Times" dated August 11, 1996; and